

Torrance, California  
April 28, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman, and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 1953, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 22, 1953, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

The hearing on the Assessment for the improvement of Doris Way and certain other streets and intersections in the Seaside Ranchos Sewer District, in the City of Torrance, by the construction and installation of a sanitary sewer system, was opened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 1953, at 8:00 p.m.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented three affidavits as to Mailing, Publishing and Posting Notices of Filing of Assessment.

Councilman Drale moved that the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

The Mayor inquired if any written protests had been filed with the City Clerk. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported that no protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing. The Mayor then asked if anyone present desired to be heard in this matter. No verbal protests were made from the floor. All protestants having been heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted and the City Council having before them the Assessment diagram with Assessment attached, and being familiar

with the assessment district, and also having considered all written appeals or objections filed and all verbal protests made, the following action was taken:

Councilman Drale moved that the hearing be declared closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale moved that any and all appeals and objections be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2382, confirming the Assessment, entitled, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF DORIS WAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS IN THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilman Spelman moved to waive reading of the Resolution in full. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously. The Resolution Title was read.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 2382 be passed and adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced that this was the time and place set for the hearing to vacate a portion of the first alley lying north of Newton Street and extending west from Winlock Drive. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported he had received no written protests. Mayor Schwab called for oral protests, there being none, Councilman Spelman moved all protests be denied and the hearing closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced that this was the time set for the opening of bids for cast iron pipe for the Water Department. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders and opened and read the following bids:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>4" Pipe</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>6" Pipe</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.	2,502'	1.049	6,012'	\$1.555
U. S. Pipe & Foundry Company	2,502'	1.050	6,012'	1.557
James B. Clow & Sons	2,502'	1.09	6,012'	1.63
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co.	2,502'	1.06	6,012'	1.575

Councilman Spelman moved these bids be referred to the City Manager and the Water Superintendent for recommendation and that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced that this was the time set for the opening of bids for a four-door sedan for the Fire Department. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Paul's Chevrolet	Chevrolet	\$1790.70
South Shore Motor Company	Mercury	2540.50
Fred Briggs Chrysler-Plymouth	Plymouth	2009.74
Whittlesey Motors	Plymouth-Cambridge	1883.29
	Plymouth-Cranbrook	1972.32
	DeSoto	2449.71
	V-8	2728.85
Schultz & Peckham	Ford	2019.83

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Councilman Spelman moved these bids be referred to the City Manager and the Fire Chief for recommendations, and the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Donald Armstrong opposing the proposed means of ingress and egress to Earl Street as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed for future reference. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request from the Senior Class of the Torrance High School for use of the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, June 9, 1953.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted and the rental fee waived. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Public Utilities Commission advising there is a public hearing set for June 10, 1953, regarding the application of the Southern California Edison Company for an increase in electric rates.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record and that Mr. Hall be instructed to attend the meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Letter from City Engineer Bishop recommending the balance of \$242.75 be refunded to J. C. Anstrom of 241 Via la Circula, Hollywood Riviera. This balance is the unused portion of money placed with the City of Torrance for the purchase of pipe placed in an easement along lots from Via Linda Vista to Via la Circula. Mr. Anstrom in turn will reimburse the property owners in accordance with their participation.

Cmdr. Mason advised the Council Mr. Anstrom is the Chairman appointed to collect the funds; that the property owners were assessed according to the value of their property, and that Mr. Anstrom is the qualified person to handle these refunds.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Division of Highways advising their office has approved the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue on a temporary basis, pending the improvements on Hawthorne Avenue, at which time a higher type of control will be installed.

Councilman Spelman moved this communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from Attorney Charles H. Kent forwarding Claim of Minnie B. Solomon for Damages, against the City of Torrance.

Councilman Blount moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney and City Insurance Carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from Carl Quandt advising the Council he is taking steps to correct the conditions named in the Notice of Nuisance regarding his idle oil well - Lot 24, Tract 454.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Truman Browne Organization offering for sale to the City 5 acres of property for park purposes contiguous to Tract 17965.

Councilman Benstead moved this be held over to the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Notice of the application of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, before the Public Utilities Commission for an order authorizing increased rates for water service.

Councilman Drale moved the City protest this increase in rates. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens stated he had plans for a motel to be located at the airport which he would like to show the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Letter from Bjorklund & Smith requesting the Council to consider their problem with regard to Lots 1 to 72, inclusive, in Tract No. 15837. They purchased this tract from the Barclay Development Company, and approximately 60 days ago submitted their plans to the Building Department, which includes installation of garage slabs, 20' x 20', with footing and connecting driveways to the street. Approximately 30 days ago they submitted the corrected plans for formal approval and requested a verification of the fact that garages would not be required. This fact was verified by the Building Department. They stated on April 20, 1953, 72 permits were issued and plans approved for the 72 houses. Subsequently they were advised by the Building Department that garages instead of slabs would have to be built. They have contacted their loan companies who stated it is impossible for them to re-appraise the plans since the loans have been recorded and construction started.

Councilman Spelman said the Planning Commission approved this map in December, 1952, and the Council approved it in March, 1953. He did not like this idea of delay in action.

Councilman Spelman moved that re-approval of tract maps be required by the Planning Commission, and the City Council, when building has not been started within a period of 60 days from date of approval.

City Manager Stevens advised after the Council approves a tract map, a bond is posted, and it is signed by the proper City officials, and the map is then recorded and we lose control of it. It cannot be recalled because it has become a map of record. He stated in this particular case the map was in the office for four months or more between the time the Planning Commission and the City Council approved it. He said this is unusual but it happens occasionally.

Councilman Spelman withdrew his previous motion and requested the matter of approving tract maps be referred to the next Agenda Meeting, and asked the City Attorney to present ideas regarding the time limitation between approval of tract maps and the actual date of building.

Councilman Spelman stated he had talked with Mr. Bjorklund and he had agreed to build four or six garages facing on 190th Street. In other words, they would build as many garages as they have lots facing on 190th Street, and on that basis Councilman Spelman moved to concur with their request.

Mr. George A. Bjorklund stated they are planning to build 20' x 20' slabs, with footing and foundation bolts, and full driveways so there will be no parking in the streets. He stated the streets in the tract run north and south, and 190th runs east and west. They have six houses on 190th Street. He said they will build garages on those six lots, and will take out six permits tomorrow.

Councilman Blount seconded Councilman Spelman's motion to concur with the request of Bjorklund & Smith for installation of garage slabs in this tract, with the provision they build six garages on 190th street lots. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from D. M. Fox, 19122 Beachard, Artesia, California, for refund in the amount of \$50.00 on the unused portion of his business license number 3894.

Councilman Drale moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Request from the Children's Welfare Club Knights of Pythias to place donation coin boxes in the stores in the City of Torrance to raise funds for their clinic and other charitable work.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted if the representative of this Club would present his credentials to either Mr. Hallanger or Mr. Weber. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Franchise statement from the National Supply Company for pipeline for the period April 1, 1952, to March 31, 1953, as granted under City of Torrance Ordinance No. 354, together with their check in the amount of \$1801.96.

Councilman Drale moved the check be received and placed with the City Treasurer for deposit. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

City Manager Stevens advised there would be a civil defense rescue truck in front of the Police Department about 9:30 p.m. This truck is intended for use in the Centinela Valley District in cases of emergencies or disaster. The truck will be open for inspection.

Mayor Schwab declared a recess at 9:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, who submitted the lowest responsible bid, be accepted for cast iron pipe, as specified, for the Water Department, and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of Paul's Chevrolet Company, for a four-door sedan for the Fire Department, be accepted according to specifications, for the price of \$1790.70, plus sales tax, as being the lowest responsible bid, and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the Fire Chief be authorized to have a new motor installed in the Mack fire truck used at the North Torrance Fire Station, at a cost of approximately \$4,000.

City Manager Stevens said he based his price on a quotation given him by the Mack Motor Company as part of a three item bid. Their representative was in the office and stated the three items were bid together - and to take the repair job alone would cost approximately \$5400. City Manager Stevens advised this matter be referred to the next Agenda Meeting.

Councilman Spelman moved this matter be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Request from the Planning Commission recommending approval of a request from Mr. James A. Norris for a Variance in front yard setback requirements on Lots 12 and 15 of Tract No. 16211.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Tract No. 19108, consisting of 187 lots on 226th Street to Lomita Boulevard, and from the easterly boundary of Tract 13028 to undedicated Earl Street, to be developed by Henry C. Griswold.



Councilman Drale inquired if this was the Tract on Earl Street which was discussed in an earlier meeting. Mayor Schwab advised him that it is the same tract and that a Special Meeting will be held on May 6, 1953, 7:30 p.m., to meet with the interested parties regarding this Tract.

Councilman Benstead moved this be held over to the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2382

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF DORIS WAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS IN THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2382. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2383

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2381.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2383. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said about two or three months ago Councilman Blount had asked that a survey be made concerning some property out on Hawthorne Boulevard, to be annexed to the City of Torrance. He inquired if anything had been done about it.

City Manager Stevens advised he had asked for a description of this land and Mr. Hall was ready to write the Resolution of Intention. Councilman Blount asked that every effort be made to get this ready for the next Agenda Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2384

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INITIATING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH CONTIGUOUS TO SAID CITY; DESIGNATING SAID TERRITORY BY THE NAME OF PARCEL "X", PARCEL "Y", AND PARCEL "Z"; SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR DESIRING TO ANNEX SUCH TERRITORY AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2384. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 631

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
Torrance Amending Subdivision Ordinance No. 437.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 631. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman, and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Drale requested his vote be changed to Aye.

Councilman Soelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 631 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman, and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 635

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
Torrance Ordering The Vacation Of A Portion Of  
Illinois Court Between 164th Street And 166th  
Street.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 635. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 635 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 636

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
Torrance Ordering The Vacation Of Certain Streets  
And Alleys In Tract No. 15757.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 636 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 638

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
Torrance Amending Land Use Ordinance No. 612,  
Reclassifying That Certain Property Described  
In Planning Commission Case No. 248.

Councilman Drale stated he was not ready to act on this Ordinance, that he would like more time to study it. Councilman Benstead said he felt the same way.

Councilman Spelman moved this Ordinance be referred to the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 639

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
Torrance Amending Land Use Ordinance No. 612,  
Reclassifying That Certain Property Described  
In Planning Commission Case No. 249.

Councilman Drale moved this Ordinance be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Blount requested that the maps referred to in ordinances as Exhibit "A" be placed before the Council when they are to vote on them.

ORDINANCE NO. 640

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF  
THE FIRST ALLEY LYING NORTH OF NEWTON STREET  
AND EXTENDING WEST FROM WINLOCK DRIVE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 640. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 640 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens stated Mr. R. F. Coup, the Area Civil Defense Coordinator, was present and would like to address the audience.

Mr. Coup said he was here as Area Coordinator for Civilian Defense for Area "G", which is Centinela Valley. He said he had brought the first heavy rescue truck, completely equipped for all types of rescue operations for our inspection. Mr. Coup said this truck would be physically located in Inglewood but will be available for the whole Centinela Valley. He explained the equipment and the types of rescue work for which it could be used, and invited the Council and the audience to inspect the truck after the meeting.

Mr. Edward Enrietta said the City employees would like the Council to clarify a motion passed at the March 10th meeting which granted employees seven holidays. He asked if the holidays are to continue as they have been or in case a holiday falls on an employee's day off will he be given another day off.

Councilman Drale replied that the motion was made to become effective July 1, 1953.

Councilman Blount informed Mr. Enrietta the motion was that all employees be paid for seven holidays.


Councilman Drale told him these recommendations were left to Mr. Stevens; they will be coming up for the next fiscal year.

City Manager Stevens advised he would have these but the fire and police department employees were more involved than a miscellaneous employee, and said he will have something definite that everyone can understand.

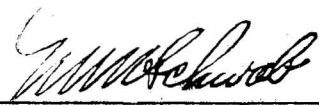
Mr. Jack White said that sometime ago he requested the Council to pass an ordinance relating to the tethering of animals, and he was of the opinion the Council had asked that an ordinance be written on this subject. Mayor Schwab advised Mr. White this matter would be taken care of.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:45 p.m. Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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